

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 156**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Valadao**

May 14, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156—Relative to June Dairy Month in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 156, as introduced, Valadao. June Dairy Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of June to be June Dairy Month in California, in honor of the work of dairy producers in California, and would encourage all Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The national “June Dairy Month,” originally known  
2 as National Milk Month, has been an annual tradition since 1937,  
3 and is a great opportunity for Americans to honor dairy farmers  
4 and to recognize the importance of dairy products to a healthy diet  
5 for many Americans; and  
6 WHEREAS, Only 30 percent of Americans meet their  
7 recommended intake of calcium, and the United States Surgeon  
8 General’s office predicts that by 2020, half of all Americans older  
9 than 50 years of age will be at risk for fractures as a result of  
10 osteoporosis and low bone density; and  
11 WHEREAS, Dairy foods provide essential nutrients, including  
12 nearly 75 percent of the calcium naturally available in the food  
13 supply, as well as potassium, magnesium, and vitamin A, and milk

1 is the number one source of calcium, potassium, phosphorus, and  
2 vitamin D in the American diet; and

3 WHEREAS, Dairy foods also play a beneficial role in  
4 maintaining a healthy weight; and

5 WHEREAS, Dairy foods, when consumed as part of a healthy  
6 diet, may help to reduce osteoporosis, hypertension, obesity, colon  
7 cancer, and metabolic syndrome—a cluster of conditions that can  
8 also lead to heart disease and type II diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that the dairy industry accounts for  
10 less than 2 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, an  
11 amount that the industry continues working to reduce; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
15 month of June to be June Dairy Month in California, in honor of  
16 the work of dairy producers in California, and hereby encourages  
17 all Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry  
18 by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet; and be it  
19 further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.